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MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Release: August 25, 2014
Released By: Lt. Todd Swartz
Incident: Fire/EMS Call
Date: August 23, 2014
Case Number: 14-7576
Case Time: 9:15 P.M.
Address: 1615 2nd Av. N. Lot #23, Menomonie, WI
Faxed (Y or N): N
Faxed Time: N/A
Emailed (Y or N): Y
Emailed Time: 8:40 A.M.

Details of Incident:

On August 23, 2014 at approximately 9:15 P.M., the Menomonie Police and the Menomonie Fire/EMS Departments were dispatched to 1615 2nd Av. N. Lot #23 regarding a female caller who reported that her legs were on fire and she was unable to put the fire out. Upon arrival, an orange glow could be seen inside the mobile home through an outside window. The front door was found to be locked and was breached to gain entry. Once inside, emergency personnel observed that the recliner in the middle of the living room was fully engulfed in flames and was quickly extinguished. The female was found directly behind the recliner and was transported to Mayo Menomonie for serious burn and smoke inhalation injuries. The female was identified as Theresa Knutson age 55. She explained that she was trying to light a cigarette with her Zippo lighter and had suffered a seizure. At this time, a total value and damage assessment has not been determined.